

LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE (SAFETY)

Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation



OPEN – STATEWIDE

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AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER TO ALL REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, CREED, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, SEX, MARITAL STATUS, DISABILITY, RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL AFFILIATION, AGE OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION.

IT IS AN OBJECTIVE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ACHIEVE A DRUG-FREE STATE WORK PLACE. ANY APPLICANT FOR STATE EMPLOYMENT WILL BE EXPECTED TO BEHAVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS OBJECTIVE BECAUSE THE USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE LAW OF THE STATE, THE RULES GOVERNING CIVIL SERVICE AND THE SPECIAL TRUST PLACED IN PUBLIC SERVANTS.

EXAMINATION TYPE This is an open examination. Applications for this examination will not be accepted on a promotional basis. Career credits will not be granted.

LOCATION This examination is administered by the State Personnel Board utilizing the Internet.

WHO SHOULD APPLY Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications as stated below may apply and take this examination at any time. Once you have taken the Training and Experience Evaluation examination, you may not retest for six (6) months.

HOW TO APPLY The Application and Training and Experience Evaluation is available on the Internet. Applicants respond to questions regarding their ability to meet minimum qualifications, provide contact information, and take the Training and Experience Evaluation. The application form for Licensed Vocational Nurse (Safety) is contained within the Internet process therefore a standard state application is not necessary.

If you do not have Internet access, there are public access Internet terminals in over 150 California public libraries. Contact your local library for information as to where the nearest Internet terminal is located and the policies related to usage. The State Personnel Board Service Center, located at 801 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA, also has Internet terminals that are available for public use at no cost. For more information, contact the Service Center at (916) 653-1705.

If you are not familiar with the Internet, you may have a friend or family member assist you. You may apply and take the examination on the Internet by connecting to the following online instructions:

http://www.spb.ca.gov/employment/exam_start.htm

Please note that the Internet system will be unavailable on Tuesday between 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., (Pacific Standard Time), for processing and maintenance. **Do not** begin the application process on the Internet during this time, as your record will **not** be processed. It takes approximately one hour to complete the Application, and the Training and Experience Evaluation, on the Internet. If you begin the examination before 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, be sure to allow sufficient time to complete the process.

HOW TO APPLY AT SAN QUENTIN STATE PRISON ONLY

Applicants who do **not** have computer access or are not comfortable with Internet testing may complete a written training and experience examination at San Quentin State Prison's Delegated Testing Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For questions, call the San Quentin State Prison Testing Officer at (415) 455-5021.

**HOW TO APPLY AT
SAN QUENTIN STATE
PRISON ONLY
(CONTINUED)**

**San Quentin State Prison
Attn: Delegated Testing Officer
San Quentin, CA 94964**

NOTE: The wearing of denim or gray sweats on institution grounds is prohibited as well as cellphones

**SPECIAL TESTING
ARRANGEMENTS**

If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, call the State Personnel Board's Examination and Selection Services Section at (916) 653-1502, Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TTY) at (916) 654-6336, or via California Relay (Telephone) Service for the deaf or hearing impaired: from TTY phones: 1-800-735-2929, for voice phones: 1-800-735-2922.

SALARY

Salary for Adult Institutions as of September 1, 2006:

\$3,800.00 - \$4,620.00 per month - This salary range includes pay increases approved by the United States District Court and applies **only** to Licensed Vocational Nurses, (Safety) appointed to San Quentin State Prison, Salinas Valley State Prison and the Correctional Training Facility.

\$3,385.00 - \$4,114.00 per month- This salary range includes pay increases approved by the United States District Court and applies to Licensed Vocational Nurses, (Safety) appointed to all Adult Institutions and Division of Correctional Health Care Services, **except** San Quentin State Prison, Salinas Valley State Prison and the Correctional Training Facility.

Additional bonuses are offered at Adult Institutions as indicated below:

- \$1,500 one-time payment upon completion of one (1) qualifying pay period (applies to those appointed new to state service on or after 1/01/03).
- \$1,500 one-time payment upon completion of six (6) consecutive qualifying pay periods (applies to those appointed new to state service on or after 1/01/03).
- \$1,000 one-time payment upon completion of 18 consecutive qualifying pay periods (applies to those appointed new to state service on or after 1/01/03).

Base Salary (as of July 1, 2006)

\$2,526.00 - \$3,071.00 per month

BENEFITS

- Deferred Compensation Plans (Savings pool, 401k and 457 plans)
 - \$100 Monthly Bilingual Differential Pay
 - 75% Reimbursement of Van Pool, \$65 maximum per month (\$100 primary driver)
 - 75% Reimbursement of Public Transit Passes, \$65 maximum per month
 - Flexible work hours (management discretion)
 - Pre-tax parking (where applicable)
 - Fourteen (14) paid holidays
 - Generous paid vacation/sick leave or annual leave
 - Jury duty/military/bereavement leave
 - Health, Dental, and Vision Care Plans (Rural Health Care Equity Program for areas without HMOs)
 - Pre-retirement death benefit
 - Dependent Care Program
 - Long Term Insurance (CalPERS)
 - Home Loan Program (CalPERS)
 - Legal Services
 - Employee Assistance Program
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**POSITION
DESCRIPTION**

A Licensed Vocational Nurse (Safety), under clinical direction of a registered nurse or physician and under assigned administrative supervision at a State correctional hospital/facility or correctional facility, in a program providing care to forensic clients, patients, or inmates/youthful offenders, provides a basic level of general nursing care to forensic clients, patients, or inmates/youthful offenders with mental, emotional, or developmental disabilities, or visually impaired, medically ill, or infirm forensic clients, patients, or inmates/youthful offenders; and does other related work.

Positions exist at various adult institutions throughout the state with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR
ADMITTANCE TO
EXAMINATION**

Note: All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements as stated on this examination announcement.

Possession of a valid, active license from the State of California to practice as a Licensed Vocational Nurse.

Special Personal Characteristics: Willingness to work in a State correctional facility; demonstrated leadership ability; aptitude for working with forensic clients, patients, inmates, and/or youthful offenders who are acutely ill, infirm, visually impaired, have an emotional disorder, or who are mentally or developmentally disordered offenders; and demonstrate emotional stability, patience, tact, and alertness.

Special Physical Characteristics: Persons appointed to this position must be reasonably expected to have and maintain sufficient strength, agility and endurance to perform during stressful (physical, mental and emotional) situations encountered on the job without compromising their health and well-being or that of their fellow employees, forensic clients, patients, or that of inmates or youthful offenders.

Drug Testing Requirement: Applicants for positions in this class are required to pass a drug-screening test. (The drug-screening test will be waived for employees who are currently in a designated "sensitive" class for which drug testing is required under State Personnel Board Rule 213.)

Applicants must show their vocational nurse license number, title, and expiration date on their examination application.

**TRAINING AND
EXPERIENCE
EVALUATION**

The examination will consist of a Training and Experience evaluation weighted 100%. In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70% must be attained.

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE EVALUATION - WEIGHTED 100%

Knowledge of:

1. Fundamentals of nursing care, including medication administration
2. General nursing procedures and techniques involved in the forensic client/patient/inmate care
3. Principles used in caring for individuals who are immobile
4. Medical terminology, and
5. General hospital/facility routine and equipment

Ability to:

1. Perform nursing procedures as regulated by licensure and certification
 2. Observe and document symptoms and behavior
 3. Maintain records and prepare reports
 4. Gain the interest, respect and cooperation of forensic clients/patients/inmates/youthful offenders
 5. Work effectively with forensic clients/patients/inmates/youthful offenders and the interdisciplinary treatment team
 6. Function effectively in an emergency situation
 7. Practice universal precautions.
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**ELIGIBLE LIST
INFORMATION**

An open merged eligible list will be established for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. The names of successful competitors will be merged onto the eligible list in order of final scores regardless of test date. Eligibility expires 12 months after it is established. Competitors must then retest to reestablish eligibility. Competitors may retest after six (6) months.

NOTE: The eligible list generated from the examination will be used to fill vacancies for the new classification of Licensed Vocational Nurse, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, which differs from the Licensed Vocational Nurse, Safety classification.

**VETERAN'S
PREFERENCE
CREDITS**

Veteran's Preference credits will be added to the final score of all competitors who are successful in this examination and who qualify for, and have requested, these points through the State Personnel Board. Due to changes in the law, effective January 1, 1996, VETERANS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED PERMANENT CIVIL SERVICE STATUS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE VETERAN'S PREFERENCE CREDITS.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions concerning this announcement, please contact:

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Sacramento, CA 94244-2010
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California Relay Service: 1-800-735-2929 (TTY), 1-800-735-2922 (Voice) TTY is a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf and is reachable only from phones equipped with a TTY Device.

GENERAL INFORMATION

If you meet the requirements stated on this bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described on this bulletin will be compared with the performance of the others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

The State Personnel Board reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service laws and rules and all competitors will be notified.

Eligible Lists: Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) sub-divisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multidepartmental promotional, 4) servicewide promotional, 5) open eligible list. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in from one to four years unless otherwise stated on this bulletin. In the case of continuous testing examinations, names are merged into the appropriate eligible list in order of final test scores (except as modified by veterans preference credits) regardless of the date of the test and the resulting eligible lists will be used only to fill vacancies in the area shown on the bulletin.

General Qualifications: Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and ability to work cooperatively with others; and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history and fingerprinting may be required.

Veterans Preference: California law limits the granting of veterans' preference points in open entrance examinations and open non-promotional examinations. Credits in open entrance examinations are granted as follows: 10 points for veterans, widows, or widowers of veterans, and spouses of 100 percent disabled veterans; and 15 points for disabled veterans. Credits in open non-promotional examinations are granted as follows: Five points for veterans; and 10 points for disabled veterans. Directions for applying for veterans' preference are on the Veterans' Preference Application which is available from the State Personnel Board office, written test proctors, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 1559, Sacramento, CA 95807.

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